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c. 1908

The Incubator
134-138 Alice Anne Street
Bel Air
Private

This frame tenement was built around 1908 by James M. Street, editor and publisher of the Harford Democrat (1871-1919). It is a unique example of multi-family workingman's housing built on Alice Anne Street. These are three double houses there; the rest are single family dwellings. This building is currently divided into three four room apartments. Before World War II it was dubbed "The Incubator" because it was then divided into six apartments of two rooms each.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

134 - 138 Alice Anne Street

1st

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☒ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES, RESTRICTED☐ YES, UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER: Rental**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Carolee Getz & M. Ann Fitzpatrick

Telephone #: 838-4135

STREET & NUMBER

26 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 818

Folio #: 486

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland 21014

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☒ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

Plumbing

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This simple 2½ story frame building with its gable end facing the street was built around 1908 by James M. Street, editor of the Harford Democrat, as rental property to blacks. The house is now divided the length of the building into 3 apartments, it was formerly divided into 6 apartments.

The front elevation has three sets of door and window combinations in the first story, one for each apartment. In the second story there are three windows, one to each apartment, and in the attic story there are two windows. All the windows are double-hung, six over six, set in frame embrasures. A half-hip roofed porch supported by plain square posts shades the ground floor. The gable roof is pierced by three plain chimneys, 2 inside end and one central, making one chimney for each apartment. The rear elevation is a duplicate of the front without the porch which is a later addition of unknown date, but probably around 1940. The side elevations are regular and two bays wide, the windows, like the front and rear, double-hung, six over six, set in frame.

The two end apartments have two rooms on the first floor, the living room 10'2" X 14', the kitchen, 10'2" X 14'4". The second floor has two bedrooms and a small bath, and the attic level contains 2 rooms. The middle apartment has no attic level. An enclosed 4'X 7' staircase with a door rises from both the living room and kitchen because there used to be six apartments with one room on each floor. The kitchen stairs were closed off when the bath was added on the second floor in the early 1940's (There had been no plumbing in the building when it was divided into six apartments.)

A 6'X 8' wooden palisade storage shed in deteriorated condition is in the back yard of 136 and 138. The shed at 134 has been removed.

This building is one of three in the block the town is considering acquiring and demolishing to build a housing project.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- c1908	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT James M. Streett

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is an interesting example of multi-family working-man's housing built on the black section of Bel Air around the turn of the century. It is unique for size in the neighborhood; most of the other dwellings are single family dwellings, although there are several duplexes as well. There are now three apartments in the building, small by today's standards. There were formerly six apartments in the building. It was during that time that the building was nick-named "The Incubator".

The builder, James M. Streett, was from a prominent Harford County family; his grandfather, Col. John Streett, commanded a regiment of Harford Cavalry in the defense of Baltimore in 1814. Streett graduated from Princeton in 1858 and then studied law in Bel Air with Otho Scott. He was admitted to the bar in 1860. He served two terms in the Maryland general assembly (1869-1873); he bought the Harford Democrat in 1871, which he and later his son, Grover C. Streett, edited until 1919.

Mr. Streett built two other houses on Alice Anne Street, 126 - 128 and 130 - 132, both duplexes. These were also rental property. He left the properties to his daughter, Elizabeth Jacobs, in 1921, and she, in turn, left it to her sons, Joseph S. Jacobs, founder of the Operators Coal Company of Baltimore, and Frank Hays Jacobs, Jr. a Bel Air lawyer and owner of the Hays House, Bel Air's most famous old house. The houses were sold out of the family in 1955 after the death of Frank Hays Jacobs. The building 134 - 136 - 138 has always been rental property.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Joseph M. Streett," in Portrait and Biographical Record of Harford and Ceceil Counties, Maryland (New York: Chapman Publishing Company, 1897), pp.205-206.

Obituaries in the Baltimore Sun. Frank Hays Jacobs, 15 February 1954,
CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY & Joseph S. Jacobs, 25 Nov. 1968.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The building occupies parcel 535 in the Town of Bel Air and is approximately 50' (on Alice Anne) X 200'

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	Marilynn M. Larew, Architectural Historian			08/03/78
ORGANIZATION	Town of Bel Air			DATE
STREET & NUMBER				TELEPHONE
CITY OR TOWN	Bel Air	Maryland	21014	838-8700

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

134 Alice Anne
136 Alice Anne
138 Alice Anne

Carollee Getz & M. Ann Fitzpatrick

818/486	Emily J. Hartman, widow, and Jarrettsville Federal Savings & Loan to Getz and Fitzpatrick part of Lot #59 in Richardson's Addition 53.07 ft. on Alice Anne x 202.3 ft. back 30 June 1969
440/222	Joseph S. Jacobs and wife to Charles H. and Emily Hartman 26 July 1955 part of the land Elizabeth Jacobs inherited from Joseph M. Streett and left to Joseph S. Jacobs
125/251	Rebecca B. Wilson to Streett 1908 for \$700
81/205	release of lien of Alice A. Richardson and David J. Wilson to Rebecca Wilson 1894
53/220	Estate of E. Hall Richardson to Rebecca Wilson 1894

N. R. FIELD SHEET
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HA 234

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME			
COMMON: 134, 136, 138 Shianne Street (One structure)			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 134-138 Shianne Street between Bond & Williams Sts			
CITY OR TOWN: Bel Air			
STATE: Maryland		CDDE:	COUNTY: Harford
3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME: Howard S. O'Neill			
STREET AND NUMBER: Box 556			
CITY OR TOWN: Bel Air		STATE: Md	CODE: 21014
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT			
STREET AND NUMBER: HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE 40 S. MAIN ST.			
CITY OR TOWN: BEL AIR		STATE: MARYLAND	CODE:
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:			
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY:			
FEDERAL <input type="checkbox"/> STATE <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> LOCAL <input type="checkbox"/>			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	CODE:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE:

COUNTY:

ENTRY NUMBER

DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	(Check One) Deteriorated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One) Altered <input type="checkbox"/>			Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Check One) Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	
Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This large frame house contains three
 or more apartments. ~~Three frame houses~~
~~on the porch, facing south.~~ The
 ridge line runs north-south.
 Two windows upstairs and down on the
 side walls (east and west); three windows
 across the south wall upstairs, three
 doors and 3 windows on the south downstairs,
 where there is a one-story porch.
 There are three narrow brick chimneys.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian <input type="checkbox"/>	16th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	18th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	20th Century <input type="checkbox"/>
15th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	17th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>19th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></u>	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Political <input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Social/Humanitarian</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Music <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

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This dreary worn-out building was inadequately built for the climate over a hundred years ago, and has been marginally maintained since. Rents are probably ~~many times~~ ^{many times} higher than they would be in ~~a~~ ^{a normal} open market but this part of town is "reserved" for negroes, much too small an area for the many people who need housing. ~~and have~~
 ~~difficulty building~~

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:		JEAN S. EWING	
ORGANIZATION	MARYLAND HISTORIC TRUST	DATE	
STREET AND NUMBER:		50 STATE CIRCLE	
CITY OR TOWN:	ANNAPOLIS	STATE	MARYLAND
		CODE	

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
21 STATE CIRCLE
SHAW HOUSE
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
Individual Structure Survey Form

COUNTY: Harford		SURVEY NUMBER: HA-234	
TOWN: Bel Air		NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:	
LOCATION: 134-38 Alice Anne Street		UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing	
COMMON NAME: Private residences		U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:	
FUNCTIONAL TYPE:		PRESENT FORMAL NAME:	
OWNER: Carollee B. Getz et al ADDRESS: 26 South Main Street Bel Air, Maryland		ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:	
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes () No (x) Restricted ()		PRESENT USE: Multi-Family	
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local (x) State () National ()		ORIGINAL USE:	
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System		ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:	
1. Foundation: Stone(x) Brick () Concrete () Concrete Block ()		BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Joseph M. Streett	
2. Wall Structure		PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:	
A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam () Balloon (x)		Excellent () Good ()	
B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick () Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block ()		Fair () Poor: (x)	
C. Iron () D. Steel () E. Other:		THEME:	
3. Wall Covering: Clapboard (x) Board and Batten () Wood Shingle () Shiplap ()		STYLE: Vernacular	
Novelty () Stucco () Sheet Metal () Aluminum () Asphalt Shingle ()		DATE BUILT:	
Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer ()		c 1908	
Bonding Pattern:			
4. Roof Structure			
A. Truss: Wood (x) Iron () Steel () Concrete ()			
B. Other:			
5. Roof Covering: Slate () Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle (x) Sheet Metal ()			
Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:			
6. Engineering Structure:			
7. Other:			
Appendages: Porches (x) Towers () Cupolas () Dormers () Chimneys () Sheds () Ells ()			
Wings () Other:			
Roof Style: Gable (x) Hip () Shed () Flat () Mansard () Gambrel () Jerkinhead ()			
Saw Tooth () With Monitor () With Bellcast () With Parapet () With False Front ()			
Other:			
Number of Stories: 2½			
Number of Bays: 6 x 2		Entrance Location: Alice Anne	
Approximate Dimensions: 60'6" x 29			
THREAT TO STRUCTURE: No Threat () Zoning () Roads () Development () Deterioration () Alteration () Other: possible Town acquisition		LOCAL ATTITUDES: Positive () Negative () Mixed () Other:	

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

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A large unadorned (save for porch) rectangle built for renting to blacks. Porch has half-hip roof supported by plain square posts. Interior plaster walls, entirely plain woodwork. Windows double-hung, 6/6.

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

shed 138
shed 136

6'x 8' wooden palisade shed
deteriorated. The shed at 134
has been removed.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Example of early 20th century multiple family dwelling built especially for rental to blacks. No plumbing until just around WW II. Called the Incubator when it had six apartments because of the numbers of inhabitants. The apartments are small by today's standards now that there are only 3 apartments.

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



vacant
lot

134-38

Alice Anne

May 56

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane()Woodland()Scattered Buildings()
Moderately Built Up()Densely Built Up(X)
Residential(X)Commercial()
Agricultural()Industrial()
Roadside Strip Development()
Other: vacant lot on NW side. The
rest of the neighborhood is
densely built up.

M. Larew

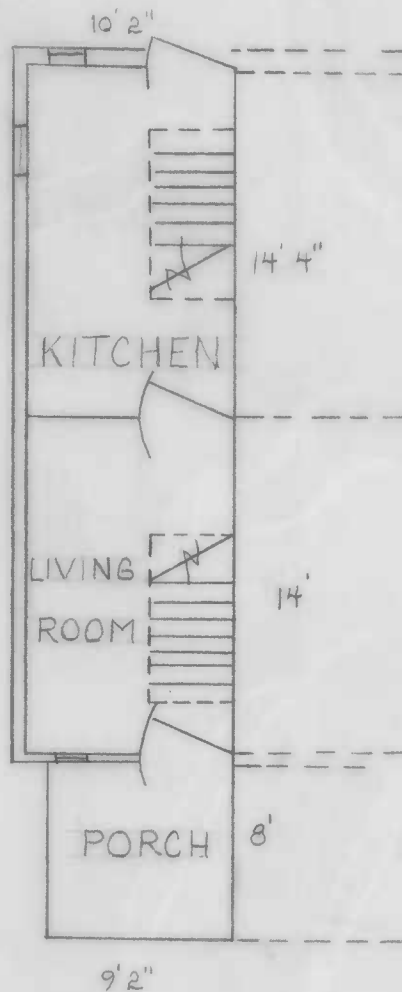
RECORDED BY:

Town of Bel Air

ORGANIZATION:

20 July 1978

DATE RECORDED:



DRAWN BY: MARILYNN LAREW

TRACED BY: G. CUNO

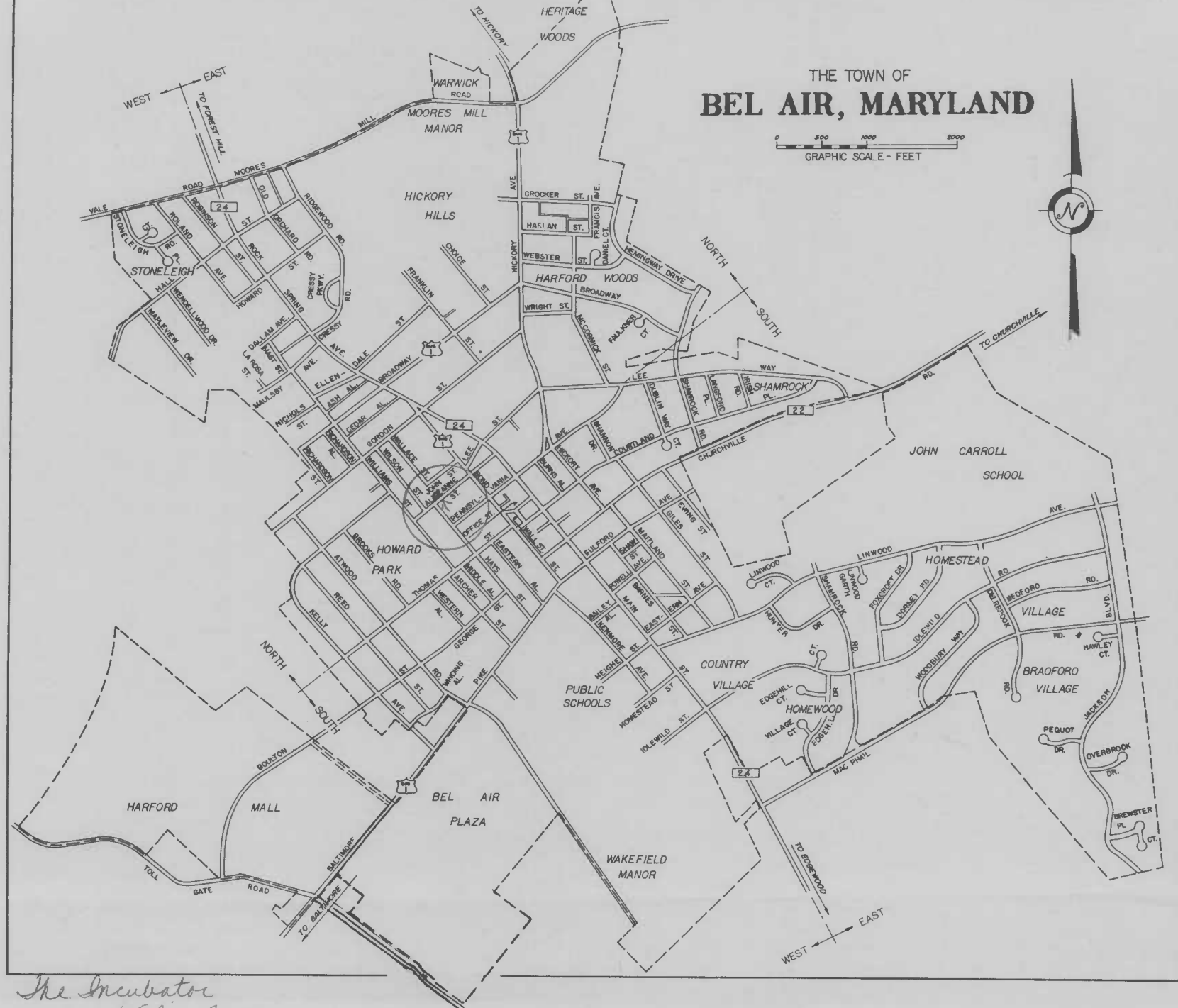
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BEL AIR, MARYLAND

HA-234

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GRAPHIC SCALE - FEET



The Incubator
134-38 Alice Anne







134-38 Alice Ann St.

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